June 1973

Birds seen in Ramnad Taluk.

Ten Common Birds.

1 House Crow
2 Jungle Crow
3. Myna
4 Sparrow
5. Pariah Kite
6 Brahmany Kite
7 Drongo (Black)
8 Roller.
9 Paddy Bird
10 Little Egret.

} able to see all these Ten Birds on 1-5-1973 morning out.

Cormorants and Night herons are roosting in the perniganant (ymiwesio) trees inside the place Night Herons about Hundred Cormorants about 75 to 100

1.6.1973 - Periakanmai North Kalingu 6.00-7.30 a.m.

Sunny windy day - Kanmai almost completely dried up.

11 Little Cormorant.
12 Grey Heron
13 Tree Pie
14 Parakeet - Rose Ringed
15 Ringed Dove
16 Rock Piegion
17 Palm Swift
18 Brown Swift (Numerous) Very Common
19 Common Bee Eater
20 White Br. Kingfisher
21 Pied Kingfisher
22 Bl. Bellied Finch Lark
23 Madras Bush Lark
24 Tree Pipit
25 Loten's Sunbird
26 Purple Sunbird
27 Tailor Bird
28 Pied Crested ~~Kingfisher~~ Cuckoo
29 Coucoal
30 White Throated Munia
31 Striated Weaver Bird
32 Streaked Wren Warbler
33 Grey Drongo
34 Koel
35 Night Heron



Drongo nest on the Semai Karuvel Nainar Kovil Rd

2-5-1973 Devipattanam 4.30 to 6.30 P.M. Heavy Winds Sunny Day

Day after new moon day by 4.00 the sea just going down from high tide by 6.00 gone further in - dead Jelly Fishes huge size and plentyful one fish with colour patterns - All Birds gone except some stragglers -

36 Grey Plover (Winter Plumage)
37 Purple Heron
38 Great Egret
39 Curlew (one)
40 Golden Plover ?.
41 Lesser Sand Plover (Summer)
42 Dunlins ?

absence of Indian Reef Herons and Terns noticeble - One Villager says Birds in large numbers used to fly towards north in the night and again towards south in the morning a regular future.

4.6.73 - Lakshmi Oorunni-way - 6.15 to 7.10 A.m

Slight Drizzling Perivious evening - almost all tanks except Lakshmi Oorunni dried up - Paddy in a small batch -

1 43 Indian Robin
2 44 White headed Babbler
3 45 Spotted Owlet
4 46 Shikara -
5 47 Pied Wagtail
6 48 Painted Stork (in flight about 10 far off)
7 Rose Ringed Parakeet
8 Coucal
9 White breasted Kingfisher
10 White Throated Munia (about 40 near Paddy cultivation
11 Madras Bush Lark
12 Palm Swift.
13 Brown Swift.
14 Rock Pigeon
15 49 - Hoopoe
16 Black Drongo
17 50 Southern Wood Shrike
18 51 The Shag.

Breeding of the Black Drangun on the Vinayar koil Road Semaikarunvel.

1.6.73: Nest discovered - on the easter side of the tree in branch hanging over the ditch just about ~~4~~ ~~feet~~ meters from the ground. One bird sitting on the nest.

3.6.73 - 7.30 A.M. tried to photograph the nest and the Drongo - Drago flew away - as the branch is hanging too slanting two eggs in the nests are visible from ground - The bird came again and sit on the eggs facing west but looking back - other mate also around - not noisy or to much perturbed - able to photograph with bird on nest.
I am afraid because of the high winds the eggs will fall and it will not be easy for the brood to grow about. wait an see. Too much of observance will lead the cow boy to the discovery of the nest.

8.6.73 7.30 The nest is empty - no sign of the birds or chicks.

16.6-73 - வைகை துறை - 6.K.m 4.45 Pm 6.45 P.m

al most - no birds - even the grass dried - few swifts and B.B. Finch Larks on the Route few birds very active - drizzling cloudy.

1. Indian Robin
2. Jungle Babbler
3. White headed Babbler
4. Brown Swift
5. Palm Swift
7. Spotted Dove.
8. Pied Kingfisher
9. Coucal.
10. B. Bellied F. Lark
11. Madras Bush Lark
12. Tree Pipit
13. Black Drongo
14. Grey Drongo.
16. Wood Shrike
53 17. Bay backed Shrike
52- 18. Ashy Swallow Shrike
19. Purple Sunbird
54 20 Purple Rumped Sunbird
21 Lotens Sunbird
22. Common Bee Eater
23 Indian Shag
24 - Little Cormorant
25. Koel

Parakeets - Pied Cr. Cuckoo - were not seen

1.7.1973 Periakanmai - North Edge - 6.00 to 7.00 A.m.

cloudy windy day no water except around little ooronnis around Ramnad. dry dusty fields - felling down semai karuvel.

Blue Taile Bee-eater cited after a long intervel.

11. Grey Heron
12. Pied Kingfisher
13. W. breasted Kingfisher
14. Madras Bush Lark
15 B. Bellied Finch Lark
16 Tree Pipit
17 The Partridge
18 White throated Munia
19. Purple Sunbird
20. Purple Rumped Sunbird
21 Lotens Sunbird
22. Spider Hunter.
23. Jungle Babbler
24. Parakeet
25 Pied Crested Cuckoo
26. " Wren Warbler
27 Tree Pie
28 Coucal
29 Blue Tailed Bee Eater
30 Little Gr. Bee Eater
~~Spotted~~
31 Ring Dove
32 Rock Pigeon
33 Grey Drongo
34 Black Drongo
35 Hoopoe
36 Palm Swift
37 Brown Swift

5.7.73 Lakshimi Voorani path and around L.O
6.15 to 7.15 AM

Partly cloudy - little water in L.O.

watched Indian Pipit chasing fly by flopping.

Ashy Swallow Shrike make peculiar flight and chase each other. In the Mulkadu there is no sign of any bird.

38 Crimson breasted Barbet
39 Yellow Backed Woodpecker
40 Ashy Swallow Shrike
41 Pied White Wagtail
Tree Pie
Hoopie
42 Cuckoo
Drango
Rock Piegion
Indian Pipit
Madras Bush Lark
43 Indian Robin
Palm Swift
Brown Swift
Little Bee Eater
44 White Headed Babbler
Grey Heron
Parakeet
White Br. Kingfisher

White Thraated Munia
(Two Birds in different colour variation on the back one dark another only light Brown)

Grey Drongo

26.7.73 - Lakshmi Voorani Park - 6.40 to 7.40 Am

For a long time - no rain - all voorunis drying up - there no wind also for the past ten day - Cloudy soultry weather.

Spotted owlet
Grey Heron
Little G. Bee-Eater
Indian Robin
Jungle Babbler
White throated Munia
White Breasted Kfisher
Tree Pie
Grey Drongo
Parakeet.
Madras Bush Lark
Palm Swift
Rock Piegeion
Spotted Dove
Cuckoo

The call notes of Tree Pie - -

Brown swifts which were numerous during June and Early July are now not at all seen.

28.7.73 Periakanmai North Kalingu 6.00 to 7.00 A.M.

There was HEAVY DOWNPOUR day before Yesterday. Yesterday also there was little rain. To day the weather is sultry and it drizzles in the morning.

Kattukaruvel trees near the kalingu were fell down for firewood.

Even though there is rain I was not able to add any new birds to the list. Even the birds which I listed on 1.7.73 were not in full.

45 Tawny Eagle
46 Blackwinged kite (?)
47 Brown Shrike.

Were the only new birds seen today this month.

26-8-73 தேவிப்பட்டணம் – 4.00 – 6.30 P.M

Windy – cloudless day – rained about a week ago – salt-pans in full swing – A Day before amavasai

After an interval of three months I visited Devipattanam with ~~Kadivel~~. Thiruve-ragam. Small number of migrants there

11. White bellied Sea Eage (breeding)
12. Curlew. (2–5)
13. Whimperel (1 or 2)
14. Grey Plover (10–15
15. Green Shank. (One)
16. Median Egret or Reef Heron in White phase
17. Kentish Plover
19. ~~Another~~ Lesser Sand Plover.
20. Tern far off in the sea.
21. Black Bellied Finch Lark (in flock)
22. Grey Drongo
23. Coucoul
24. Black Drongo
25. Palm Swift

30.8.73 வெங்கல் உனருணை அருங்குப்புரம் 6.15 to 7.15

Slight drizzling last night - Still water in the Lakshmi oorani - Large tank tried up.

absence of Crested cuckoo and bee Eaters. Notable

26. Pied Wagtail
27. Grey Heron
28. Tree Pie
29. Indian Robin.
30. Madras Bush Lark
31. Ashy Swallow Shrike
32 Parakeet -
33. Night Heron
34. Rock Pigeon
35. Purple sunbird
36. Dawny Eagle 2.
37. Common White Headed Babbler.
38. Pied Kingfisher
39. White breasted Kingfisher

Drongo

Palm Swift.

40. Brown Swift

2.9.73 சேதுக்கரை 6.~~3~~35 to 8-45 a.m
திருப்புல்லாணி.

Hot cloudy day - ~~#~~ 29½ - High tides just receeding - small scrub Jungle almost cleared - no wind - fishing boat far away in the sea -

11 Grey Heron
12. Indian Reef Heron White phase
13. Green Shank (single)
14. Red Shank
15. Little Ringed Plover
16. Kentish Plover
17. Lesser Sand Plover
18 Stone Curlew (?)
19. Small Greenbilled Malkoha (595)
20 Ashy Swallow Shrike
21 Swallow - 3 in numb
22. Green bee-eater
23. Purple Rumped Sunbird
24. B. Bell. Finch Lark
25. M. Bush Lark
26. Rufous Lark.
27. Spotted Dove
28 Ring Dove
29. Tree Pipit
30. Redvented Bulbul
31. Black winged Kite or Shikara
32. Tree Pie
33. Parakeet
34. Jungle Babbler
35. White Br. Kingfisher
36. Whitethroated Munia
37. Palm Swift
38. Glossy Ibis (2)
39. Hoopoe
40. Grey Partridge (Heard)
~~41~~.

absence of Pied Crested Cuckoo and Blue Tailed Bee Eater Notable.

12-9-73 பெருங்களத்தூர் 6.30 - 8.00 A.m

Yesterday about ½ c.m Rain - Rain four days back - A small field with Paddy and brinjal cultivation - otherwise nothing except barren land - seemai karuvel almost cut down on the Road side - Weaver birds and Munias breeding.

White throated Munia
41 Spotted Munia
42 Crested pied Cuckoo
43 Pied White Wagtail
~~Hoopie~~
Parakeet
Redvented Bulbul
Brown Swift ~~White Swallow~~
Palm Swift
Little Green Bee Eater
Tree Pie
Lesser or Ringed Plover
48 Purple or Lotens Sunbird
Madras Bush Lark
Yellow throated Sparrow
46 Streaked Weaverbird
47 " Weaverbird

B. Billied Finchlark
44 Coucal
45 Cuckoo
White breasted K fisher
49 Tawny Eagle (B)
50 Night Heron
Warbler (?)
White Headed Babbler
Spotted Dove

23.9.73 ஞாயிறு; வைகை கரை 6.0 K.M East . 4.30 to 6.30 P.M

Rains around Ramnad; the sandy fields all sown Paddy - Just Budding - Vagai Karavai completly dry. Heavy winds.

51. Coppersmith
Palm Swift
Spotted Dove
52 Pied Kingfisher — by Cycle
Red vented Bulbul
Madras Bush Lark
Coucoul
Ashy Swallow Shrike
Tawny Eagle
Parakeets
Black Bellied Finch Lark
53 Wood Shrike — (15) + 10
Sun bird
Green Bee Eater
White Breasted Kingfisher

Cattle Egrets ~~which~~ were ~~very~~ large in number were absent. One <u>Rabbit</u> with Black Tipped Tail and fawn colour under part, seen near 5 K.M. in the open field. Flowering bushes Just send their shoots out.

30.9.73 6-30-7.00 A.M [illegible]
10-30-11.30 A.M [illegible]

Water from Vaigai Dam released a few days back reached Peria Kanmai yesterday. Simultaneous operations for cultivation started around Ramnad. On 28-9-73 night there was very heavy downpour. Today also there is likely hood of heavy rains. Due to scratching ~~seing~~ am unable to watch ~~more~~ much of the birds.

54. Grey Wagtail
55. Indian Robin
56. Shikra

were noted for the list. Sun birds were in large numbers on the canal bund near the Kalingu. There was sign of the weavers.

Sandpipers and Plovers were not yet arrived to this place. My Photographic efforts failed.

October 1973

2.10.73 – 7.00 to 8.00 A.M	பெரிய கண்மாய் வடகலிங்கு - கரை தண்ணீர் வந்து இரண்டு நாட்களாயின மழை பெய்து நீர் வரவு உண்டாயிருந் தது.

En route in the fields preparation for Paddy cultivation - Brahmany kites Pariah Kites - Dawny Eagles in good numbers Mynas & Drongo increased tenfold when compared to last month - all in the field - no sandpipers or plovers - few Grey wagtails and Tree pipits. Brown & Palm swifts.

Many New arraivals due to water or season - Blue tailed Bee Eater and Paradaise Fly Catchers noted after seven months.

Sun birds also in good numbers

More than three varietys of Warblers noticed.

An Indian Courser seen first time

P.T.O.

11. Indian Courser
12. Blue tailed Bee Eater
13. Green Bee Eater
14. Paradise Fly Catcher
15 Grey Wagtail
16. Pied White Wagtail
17. Palm Swift
18 Brown Swift.
19. Common Swallow
20. Grey Drango
21. Yellow throated Sparrow
22. Grey Heron
23. Hoopoe
24. Parakeet
25. Grey Patridge (Heard)
26. Purple Sunbird
27. Lotens Sunbird
28. Streaked Wren Warbler
29. White Warbler
30 Small Warbler
31. Madras Bush Lark
32. Crested Lark
33. Tree Pipit
34. Pied Kingfisher
35. W. B. Kingfisher
36. Sandpiper ?
37. ~~Striated~~ Common Baya Weaver
38. Red vented Bulbul
39 Coucoual
40 Pied Crested Cuckoo
41 Tawny Eagle
42 Ringed Dove
43 Rock Pigeon
44 B. Bellied Finch Lark
45. Jungle Babbler

7.10-72 7.00 to 8.10 A.M வெடகலிங்கு வாய்க்கால்

Today the water in the Kalingu completely stopped. I walked along the sand bed and founded a Cormorant taking bath and swimming. It sat for a while stretching its wing and flew away while I approached for taking a photograph. ~~I also saw~~ A Little Egret with fine head plumage which indicates that it was in the breeding conditions was also there. Blue Tailed Bee Eaters were there.

Drango's took bath in the small pool justing flying over the water and Dipping its body and they went ~~an~~ sit over a ~~tree~~ branch ~~for~~ preening its genials. They fly for the water few more times.

Brahminy Mynahs were there after an interval of nearly five months.

I took a shot of the Pied Crested Cuckoo sitting in the low branch of a tree under shade. The time 8 – 1/125 is enough I think my efforts to Photograph Sunbirds feeding ~~in the flower~~ errukku (எருக்கு) flowers failed. One should be quick and click adjestments and focusing should take little time.

Yesterday a bird catcher sold young Red shanks which he ~~catch~~ traped in the Peria kanmai.

46. Cormorant
47. Brahmany Myna
48 Night Heron
49. Red Shank

14.10.1973 - 6.00 - 8.15 A.M - பெரியகண்மாய்

வடகலங்கு, வைகை வாய்க்காலில் தண்ணீர் நின்றுவிட்டது. அங்காங்கே பள்ளங்களில் மண்ணு பருகைகள் மட்டுமே நீர் உண்டு - மழை அறிகுறி- hot sun.

On the way in the field I saw a huge flock of Cattle Egrets after a long interval. They flew away ~~even~~ suspecting even my sideward glance while cycling and flew towards the kanmai. A. Brown Shrike for the first time for this season. It made a lot of noise and shakes its tail violently while scratching. While returning I noticed a Drongo protesting to another Brown shrike occupying its territory. Little Ringed Plovers and Kentish Plovers were there. One plover some what bigger in size with breast band complete. Godwits were also there. After flewing,

away it had a peculiar power of alighting down just like madras Bush Lark hanging sometime the air. It is a swift flyer. ~~A~~ A single <u>Golden Plover</u> was there. It is not frightend and allow me to approach for about 20 metres. A peculiar <u>Black Capped Warbler</u> was there. It hangs to the undergrowth. Grey in colour and larger than most of the warblers.

The Paradise flycatcher was not there today. <u>Blue tailed Bee-eaters</u> were in good numbers. I heard a Tree Pie. ~~and~~ A <u>Tailor bird</u> was very silent It is unusual. Yesterday evening I noticed 10 to 12 huge birds in the middle of the Kanmai. They may be <u>Open billed storks</u> or <u>Grey Herons</u>. A <u>Shikra</u> was sitting in a low branch of a roadside tree

To photograph Blue tailed bee Eaters I approached the tree. Suddenly the Shikra flew away and the Blue tailed Bee-eaters chased it away with loud noise.

Brahmany Mynahs were increasing. Four two five ~~weigt~~ varieties of Butterflies were there. Weavers completed their nest within a fortnight.

Birds noted to day

50. Cattle Egrets
51. Brown Shrike
52. Bar tailed Godwit.
53. L. Ringed Plover
54. K. Plover
55. Black capped Warbler
56. Tree Pie
57. Shikara
58. Richards Pipit (in large numbers)
59. Marsh Harrier?
60. Open billed stork?
61. ~~Richards Pipit~~ Rufous ~~Pipit~~ Sky Lark
62. Tailor Bird
63. Golden Plover

Pied Crested Cuckoo
Loten's Sunbird
Grey Drongo
Bluetailed Bee Eater
Common "
W. Breasted Kingfisher
Parakeet.
Brahminy Myna
Madras Bush Lark
B. Bellied Finch Lark
Common Sandpiper
Weaver birds
Palm Swift
Brown Swift
Common Swallow
(Increasing in numbers)
Striated Warbler
White Warbler
~~Rare~~ Paddy field Sandpiper or Spotted Sandpiper not yet arrived.

15.10.1972 Madurai Bus 5.30 to 8.30 A.M

All along the route there was heavy rains and there is freshes in the Vaigai and its canals.

I noticed large numbers of Drongo's all along the way. Between two electrical posts there were at least two Drongos. In certain places they were in good numbers. Where there was no electrical wire they perch on Palmayrah trees and Seemai Karuvel.

Near Paramakudi I noticed two Glossed Ibis flying low over dry cultivated fields.

Near Rajakambiram beyond Manamadurai on the

electrical wires more than two hundred Blue tailed Bee-Eaters were sitting. They were there in large numbers almost around the year. Perhaps the sugarcane fields around that places helps them to perch in the night.

Tree Pie, Red Turtle Doves, Spotted Doves, Red Turtle Doves, Golden Backed Wood peckers, J + White Head Babblers Warblers, Skylarks were noticed by me along the route. Herons, Cormorants, Felamingos were not noticed. Black winged Kite which I with atleast notice one during my trip was also absent.

Next time I should take a count of Drongos.

திருஜக்கு ரோடு
19.10.73 - வைகை துறை and back via
4.30 to 6.30 P.M
Mandam Road - Rain about 2.00 a.m. in the forenoon - Rain Perivious day - Pools of water in the vaigai and much water in the Ditch in the middle of the River. - along the Road Paddy sown in dry field just 10 to 12 inch in hieght - Much Bird activity -

10 - 14 Ashy Swallow Shrikes on the wire - No cattle Egrets - Blue Tailed Bee Eaters which haunts the wet lands north and south of Ramnad is absent around Vaigai - Goldlen Plovers and L.R. Plovers in good numbers - 200 to 300 Painted Storks with few Pelicans seen about 300 metres away - One Marsh Harrier with Bright coloured under parts chasing finches in the Vaigai Thurai - Rufous Backed Shrike Returned.

Birds seen in the Vaigai Thaiavai.

64 Large Egret
Grey Heron
65 Painted Stork
66 Pelicans?
~~57~~ March Harrier
Tawny Eagle ?

Golden Plover
68 Little Stint
L. Ringed Plover
Sand Plover
B.B. Finches
Tree Pipits.

Birds seen along the Route

Palm Swift
Brown Swift
70 Coppersmith (Heard)
69 Ashy Swallow Shrike
Jungle Babbler
Madras Bush Lark
Coucal
Paradise Fly Catcher ♀
Black Bellied F Lark
Purple Sunbird
Tailor Bird
Parakeet
Hoopoe

Brown Shrike (Heard)
67 Rufous Shrike or
Bay Backed Shrike
Crested Pied Cuckoo
Brahminy Myna
Weaver Bird
White Br. Kingfisher
Green Bee Eater
Red vented Bulbul
Grey Drongo ?
Ring Dove
71 Spotted Dove

Pamban 26.10.73 2.30 to 5.30 P.M.

Pamban had heavy rains during the third week of October. But there is no sign of such rain.

The big Thorn tree near the light house had been completely destroyed. There is no sign of White Bellied Sea-Eagle or the Blue Tailed Bee-Eaters. Brahmany and Pariah kites were in large number.

I noticed Tailor Birds in good numbers. When I crossed the village edges I saw Shrike in large numbers in the Thorn forests. Warblers also were there. In the midst of the forest Golden Backed Wood Pecker is sitting in the ground.

When I visited the southern coastal Belt about 4.00 P.M the sea was withdrawing itself.

But the sea shore was not completly free from water. Eventhough it was a New moon day and the has to set at about 5.45 p.m not much ground was visible. The fishermen told me that due to "Sogam wind" சோழகம் the sea is not going to withdraw completly. The peculiarity of the day is the complete calmness. The day was some what hot and I prespired a lot which caused me a severe headache. Birds singly and in small groups were there. But some 200 to 300 Bird flew far away. A Caspian Tern was taking a fish in its mouth. Another small one follow it where ever it flew. Probably a young one.

Pamban 26.10.73 2.30 to 5.30 P.M.

Northern End Thorn forest and hedges.

Common Bee Eater
72 Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike
Tailor Bird
73 Rufous Shrike
Spotted Dove
Hoopee
74 Purple Rumped Sunbird
Red Vented Bulbul
75 Brown Shrike
Jungle Babbler
76 Golden Backed Woodpecker
Paradise Fly Catcher
77 Grey Shrike Warbler ?

Total 13

Southern Sea Belt - Swamp

78 Curlew
79 Brown Heade Gull
80 ? Tern
81 Caspian Tern
Common Sandpiper
82 Indian Reef Heron
83 Grey Plover
Red Shank
Swallow
Grey Heron
L. Ringed Plover
Caspian Tern
84 Dunlins ?

Total 13

Twenty Common Birds
During winter
Nov to April.

10 Common Birds around the year.
11. Spotted sandpiper
12. Little Ringed Plover
13. Stint.
14. ~~Common~~ Swallow
15. Night Heron
16. Common Sandpiper
17 White throated Kingfisher
18 Grey Heron
19 Brown Headed Gull
20 Indian Wiskered Tern.

29.10.73 Ramnad

The Egrets which usually breed in the Tamarind Tree near the Rajaram theatre again returned and occupied possissions in the tree. There is lot of activities. To-day at about 10.00 A.M I saw two cormorants on the top of the Tamarind tree. The crows around there ~~does~~ not like their presence. They surrounded them. After one or two attacks make them vacate the tree top. But the crows are harmonious with Egrets.

The Night Herons in Palace compound also fighting with each other for territory.

Brahminy and Pariah Kites started gathering materials for nests. Continuous Rain for the past ten days.

2.11.73 Periam Kammai Norther Kalinga-
6.30 to 7.30 A.M - Partly sunny - Peria Kanmai almost full - 15 Points visible -

An increase in the weaver birds nests - Blue Tailed Bee Eaters only one. Pipits in groups.

A Duck about the size of Ibis with ~~with~~ underparts puffs. and white wing Bars - Creamy white Below Grey above.

A Cuckoo Black grey above moving through bushes new birds. Spotted Sandpipers arrived ~~B. Tree~~ in large numbers.

21 Duck
22. Cuckoo
23. ~~Spotted Sandpiper~~
24. ~~Weaver~~ Sandpiper
25. Tree Pie
26. W Throated Munia
27 Red vented Bulbul
28. Parakeet -
29. Blue Tailed Bee Eater
30 Common Bee-Eater
31. Tailor Bird
32. Richardi Pipit
33. Pied Wag Tail
34 Pied kingfisher
35. Warbler
36. Shikara
37. Tern ?
38 Duck.

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11 Pied Crested Cuckoo
12. Golden Backed Woodpecker
13. Grey Patridge
14 Hoopie
15 Brown Shrike
16 Ringed Dove
17 Tree Pie
18. Tern
19. Com sand piper
20 stint
21 Cattle Egret
27. Grey Shrike
28 Palm swift
29 Ashy Swallow Shrike
30 Common Swallow
31 P Sandpiper
32 Koel
33 Common Bee Eater
34 B. T. "
35 W. B. Kingfisher

36 Coucal
37 R.V. Bulbul
38 Turtle Dove
39 Parakeet
40 Paradise fly Catch
49 Dabchick
50 S F Tail Warbler
51 Br Myna
52 Spotted Sandpiper
53 Large Egret
54 Cormorants (750
(120)

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4.11.73 Ramnad To Madurai

Paind Roadways Express.

6.15 to 9-30 A.M.

All Tanks half-full.

Water flowing considerably in Vaigai

Raind overnight.

Noted fiftyfive birds. List a record - Even Paradised flycater seen.

Near Madurai Cormorant about 750 to 1200 flew towards east - just Rose from a tank or lake no formation

Blue Tailed bee Eaters not in large numbers.

Large Egrets sitting in the river bed near madurai

No Grey Herons

16.11.73 <u>வடுகன்கு வெள்ளகண்மாய்</u> 6-30 A.M to 7.30 A.M | 17 Balches Visible

For the past ten days there was no Rain. The weather was fine. Trans plantation of Paddy almost completed.

To day I saw two <u>Glossy Ibis</u> in the northern புஞ்சை காடு. வாடு - they were not together. It is not completly black- ashy Blackish. while in fligh its tail spreads out in the fan shape. Leg are orange in colour. A white Batch on the shoulder. But the top of the head not Bright Red. Neck orange Brown.

Golden Oriole not yet arrived. Kesteral also was not there. Nor any sign of Felimingo.

Cormorants in large numbers. Few snipes.

39 Glossy Ibis

40 Golden Woodpecker

Blue Tailed Bee Eater

Common "

41 Brahmany Myna

Tree Pie

42 Ring Dove

43 Cuckoo Shrike

Common Baya

Spotted Sandpiper

Stints

Common Sandpiper

Snipe

W.B. Kingfisher

44 Brown Shrike

45 Tree Pipit

46 Madras Bush Lark

47 B. Bellied F. Lark

48 Cormorants

Grey Heron

49 Pied Crested Cuckoo

50 Fan Tail Warbler

Tailor Bird

51 Striated Warbler

52 Palm Swift

Common Swallow

Parakeet

Cattle Egret

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20.11.73 Peria Kamai 3 KM Mark - Water Touch the Malter - Two Stones visibe about 50 C.M. Cloudy chill weather - No sun - 6.30 - 7.30 A.M.

To day I saw four Painted Stroks. Pelicans not yet arrived. Teals in batches of 100 to 200 were all over the kanmai. While returing 35 to 40 Teals flew over my head even that small number makes lot of noise.

Pipits in large number flew low over the water all the time whistling thier song. Tee-Tee Warbler arrived in good numbers. Blue Tailed Bee Eaters in large numbers. Some Whimbers surprised me in the paddy fields. Only thier whistle attracted my attention. Sparrow Hawk was on the Telegraph pole. Spotted Sandpipers in hundreds. Shrikes also in good number. Still no golden oriole.

53 Painted Stroke
54 Sparrow Hawk
55 Whimbrel
56. Indian Whiskered Tern
Common Teal
Brown Shrike
57 Tee Tee Brown Warbler
Striated Warbler
Tree Pipit
Madras Bush Lark
58 Paradise Fly Catcher
Blue Tailed Bee Eater
~~Palm~~ Palm Swift
Teal
Brahminy Myna
Cormorants
59 Godwit ?
60 Barn Owl (seen flying over the house about 4.00 A.M)

4.12.73 வேடந்தாங்கல் வடக்குக்கரையில் 6.20 to 7.20 am

Water ~~Level~~ = 19 ~~Branches Vis~~ Points visible
Heavy Rain Previous night - chill weather
Transplanting operations almost over.

<u>Black Winged Slit</u> arrived
<u>White Breasted Water Hen</u> seen. A
pair of <u>Paradise Flycatcher</u> male with long
white ribbon <u>Pied crested Cuckoos</u> in large
numbers. <u>Blue Tailed Bee Eaters</u> in
good numbers. <u>Snipes about 4-5</u>
The <u>Duck</u> seen last month also seen,
A Prominent white Bar on the wing
noticed when it flew low. Warblers
in good numbers. A <u>Harrier</u>
seen flying past.

In a field where the
planting of Paddy is not completed
more than six varieties of water
bird including 10-15 Black
winged slits seen.

11 Grey Heron
12 Black Winged Stilt
13 Spotted Sandpiper
14 · Snipe
15 Common Sandpiper
16 L. R. Plover
17 Little Stint
18 Green Shank
19 Godwit
20 Green Sandpiper
21 Sanderlings
22 Brown Head Gull
23 · · Tern
24 Common Teal
25 · Harrier
26 Parakeet
27 W. B. Kingfisher
28 Coucal
29 Red vented Bulbul
30 Blue. T. Bee Eater
31 Common Bee Eater
32 Purple Sun Bird
33 Baya Weaver
34 White Throated Munia
35 Common Babbler
36 Paradise FlyCatcher
37 ~~Fan~~ FanTail FlyCatcher
38 Tee Tee Warbler
39 Swallow
40 Palm Swift
41 Crested Pied Cuckoo
42 W. B. Waterhen
43 Madras Bush Lark
44 Crested Sky lark
45 Tree Pipit
46 Richard's Pipit
47 Brahmany Myna
48 Grey Patridge
49 Ring Dove
50 B. B. Finch Lark
51 White Bellied or Grey Drongo
52 Rock Pigeon

7.12.73 Sakkarakottai Kanmai - 6.30 to 7.15 A.M.

Sunny. Cold Morning - not much wind.

Today I saw for the first time the Golden Oriole for this season. Grey Headed Mynas were also there about 7 to 10 in numbers. Last year I was able to see them only in the month of March. Terns in good numbers flew towards west from east. There was no sign of ~~F~~ flamingos or Pelicans. The water in the kanmai was deeper for them. The transplanting operations not completed. ~~They~~ will continue all of December

53 Golden Oriole

54 Grey Headed ~~M~~ Mynas

55 Tree Pie

56 Yellow Throated Sparrow

57 Brown Shrike

58 Hoopie

Blue Tailed Bee Eaters (in good numbers)

59 Large Terns

60 Brown Headed Gull

12-12-73 to 16-12-73 Madras by Rameswaram

up and down - Express - cloudy depression
Lakes upto Trichy Almost full - in
12-12-73 saw Grey Herons and Herons.
Water Birds like common sandpiper
Spotted sandpiper - L. Ringed Plover
are common even around Sivaganga.
While returning I saw large numbers
of Black Winged Stilts in almost
all lakes. While returning due to
monsoonish weather saw many
birds - small warblers - Pigeons
Cuckoos - Doves - Pipits.

From Tindivanam to
Madras I was not able to see ~~any~~
birds which used to breed near
Vedanthangal. Even common birds
which were ~~common~~ in the track towards
Madurai were few in numbers.

21-12-73 - 2.45 to 4.45 P.M -
Vada Kalingu and Kavanoor upto 7 K.m mark - depression from 15-12-73 to 18-12-73 - heavy rains -

Water lebel in Kavanoor Kanmai is very low - people say this a freak year - Last year the tank was almost full

In Peria Kanmai 17 Points were visible.

Due to lack of enough water there was no sign of any breeding. Flamingos Teals and other waders like Cormorants were not present. Few Painted stork were feeding in the interior in the midst of kanmai.

Due to poor visiblity I am not able to see any birds near Peria Kanmai

Only morning time is best for listing large number of birds -

Brown headed Gull
? Tern
Common Bee Eater
Blue Tailed Bee Eater
61- Painted Stork
Common Boya
Bay Backed Shrike
Common Swallow
Grey Heron
L. Ringed Plover
Common Sanpiper
Stint
Spotted Standpiper
Grey Partridge (Heard)
Cattle Egret
62- Large Egret.
Pied Crested Cuckoo (Making lot of noise
Tree Pipit
Madras Bushlark
Richards Pipit
Tee Tee Warbler -